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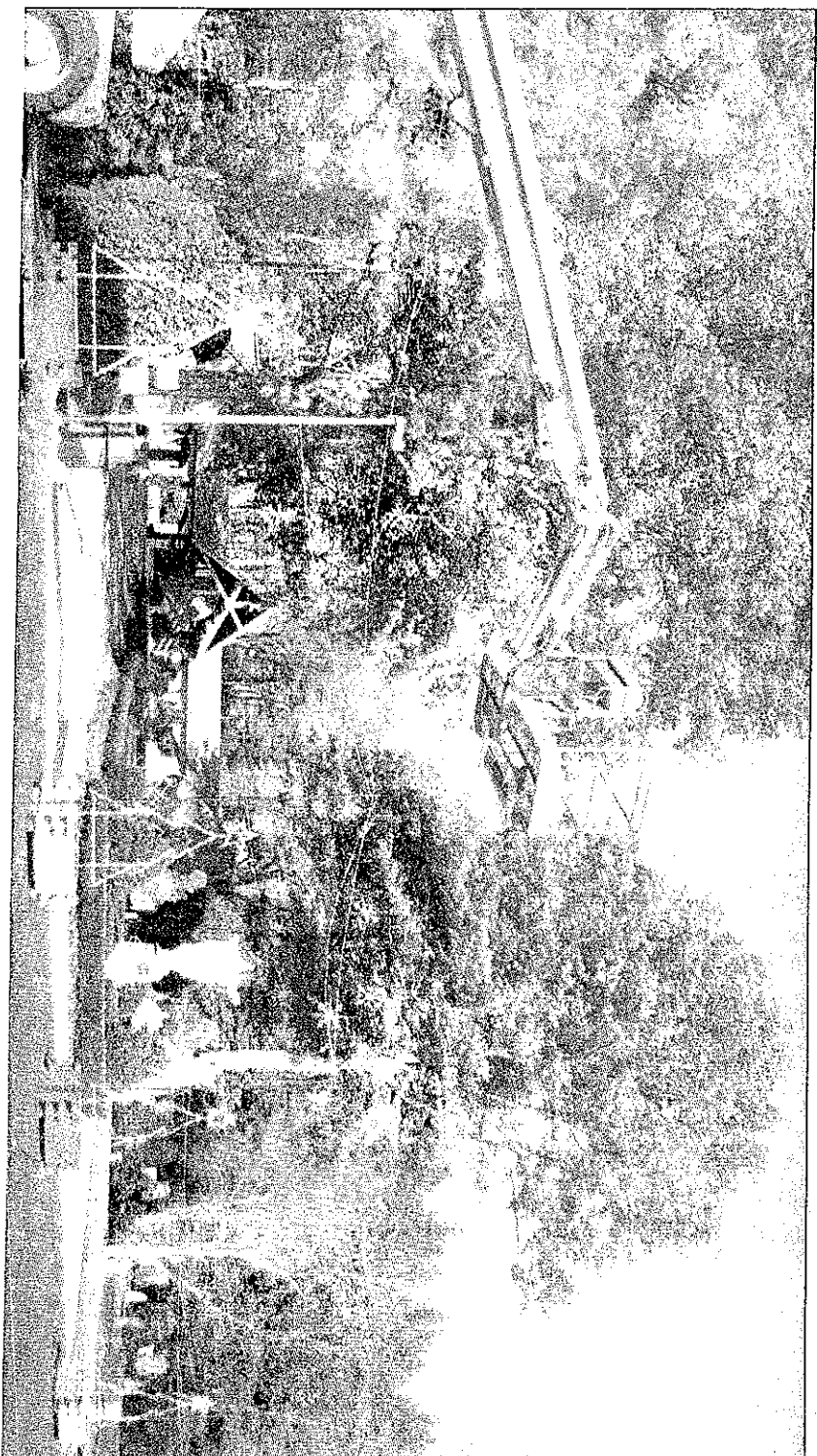


Diocesan youth rally  
together at Cathedral

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## La Salette tradition lights up Advent season



lay people from several parishes during a presentation at St. Anthony Parish. He also spoke to diocesan priests earlier in the day during a separate lecture. Both clergy and lay people alike are concerned about the falling numbers.

Many people point to low rates of youth and young adult Church participation as the cause of declining

of Catholics - committed and lapsed, or those who regularly attended Mass and those who didn't. Today, Dixon said, this survey and others reveal the emergence of a third group of Catholics who don't attend Mass but still consider themselves committed to their faith.

In 2004 Dixon and several other

• Concerns about the parish community, particularly having difficulty feeling welcomed by a new parish.

• A sense of exclusion by Church rules, this included rules on sexuality and feelings that the Church has excluded individuals and their families based on sexual orientation. Respondents also cited some

the children are grown and have left the house the parents no longer feel any pressure to continue attending and are among those adult Catholics who drift away from Mass in middle age.

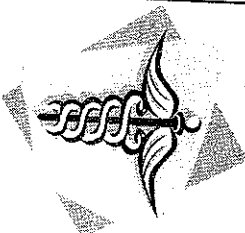
churches are facing. "The U.S. has a far stronger Church-going tradition than Australia," he said. According to a 2004 Gallup poll, 45 percent of American Catholics attended Mass in the week prior to the poll, compared with 67 percent in 1965. In Australia, only 15.3 percent of Catholics attended Mass in any given week, according to a 2001 poll.

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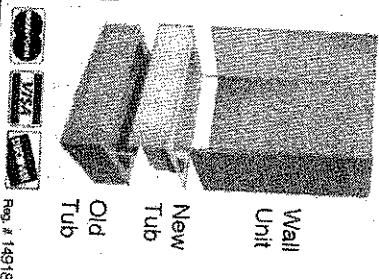
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